

Pinkney House 120 South Street Easton, Maryland 21601 T-20 Mid Nineteenth Century

Forming a picturesque group along South Street, there three Victorian Gothic cottages of brick are outstanding in a neighborhood in which small frame houses predominate. The corner house, 120 South Street is the largest. With its very steeply pitched gable roof and triangular, louvered inserts above second floor windows, this house bears some resemblance to Christ Church Rectory (T-15) designed by Richard Upjohn in 1852. The designer of these three two-story structures is, however, uncertain.

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	Easton	VICINITY OF	COUNTY			
STATE	Maryland 21601		Talbot			
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CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE			
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	X.OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM		
X_BUILDING(\$)	XPRIVATE	UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK		
STRUCTURE	BOTH	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	XPRIVATE RESIDEN		
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS		
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC		
_65625	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small brick house is the most elaborate of the three Victorian Gothic cottages which stand at South and Hanson Streets. It is two bays wide and twenty feet deep with a steeply pitched gable roof facing the street. The roof has widely overhanging eaves supported by shaped rafters. Triangular arched window openings have six over six sashes secured by simple, narrow frames. The triangular portion above the sash is filled with wooden louvers. The small attic window is treated similiarly, but closed with louvered shutters. Side wall windows, irregularly spaced have six over six sashes and plain wooden lintels.

The eaves are interrupted by two gable dormers in each side wall which extend below the roof line, making this a one-and-a-half story house with a supra attic.

Main entrance is in the western bay. Typical of its period it has an overlight and sidelights with lower panels. The door itself has four panels edged with simple moldings.

A one-story porch is used on the front of the structure. Square, chamfered posts and curved ornamental brackets support the low hipped roof. A similiar porch once stood on the east wall.

The stair is of the dog-leg type but with winders. Step brackets and a heavy round newel are primary ornaments. Windows and doors are treated with flat, unmolded frames. The dwelling is of the side hall type with a rear room which runs the full width of the house, behind the stair. One mantle remains: it has a shelf and rectangular opening edged with moldings.

At the rear are two brick wings which appear to be contemporary with the main house. The larger of the two is directly behind the main house: the other, set to the side of the first addition, forms a court between this house and #118 Goldsborough. In detailing and construction these wings are very similiar to the main house.

The structure has been divided into apartments and single rooms. It has been neglected and seriously in need of repair.

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PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION			
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	_LAW	SCIENCE			
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		INVENTION					

SPECIFIC DATES Mid Nineteenth Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT Annie R. and Richard Trippe

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house is significant for its architecture. Its picturesque roof and Victorian Gothic detailing contribute to the great variety of nineteenth century building in the town. The three cottages are quite compatible with the framestructures on the street, contributing a richness which makes this one of the most interesting - if modest - blocks in the town.*

The cottages have been attributed to Richard Upjohn, the well-known nineteenth century architect who designed the Christ Church Rectory (T-15) and the Trippe-Beale House (T-45) hoth on South Street. This attribution has not been thoroughly investigated. Window and dormer treatment, as well as roof configuration, do resemble that of the Christ Church Rectory. The modesty of these structures would lend a certain question that an architect of Mr. Upjohn's standing would have been able to accept such a small commission.

In 1873, Annie R. Trippe, the wife of Richard J. Trippe, bought the lot at the southwest corner of South and Hanson Streets for \$200.00 from William Bostwick and his wife. In 1908, as a widow, Mrs. Trippe sold her house and property to Cora Leonard for \$1400.00. Cora L. Leonard sold the property L160/F423 to Sallie Virginia Marvel in 1919 for \$2000.00. The Marvel L263/F161 heirs sold it to Esta May Harrison who sold it to the present owner in 1962 for \$2500.00, Edward A. Webb.

^{*} Other noticable modest dwellings here are #111, 113, and 115 (T-460) and the Easton Art Academy (T-19) at the corner of South and Harrison. The structures on the north side of the street are threatened with demolition by the town. It would be an unfortunate loss, disrupting the unity and integrity of the street.

September 22, 1976

Maryland 21601

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STREET & NUMBER

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1. STATE Maryland HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY T - 20COUNTY INVENTORY Talbot TOWN VICINITY Easton 2. NAME STREET NO. 120 South Street DATE OF PERIOD C. 1870 ORIGINAL OWNER STYLE Victorian Gothic ORIGINAL USE Dwelling ARCHITECT PRESENT OWNER BUILDER PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Common bond brick 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE 2 with attic

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This is a very interesting adaptation of the Victorian Gothic style to brick cottage construction. The house stands in a row of three very similar structures, although this one is definitely the most stylistically elaborate of the three. The house is 2 bays wide and is much deeper than it is wide. The very steep gable end is on the front of the house. The firststorey windows are 0/6 ones with flat brick arches. The door, with an overlight and sidelights occupies the right front bay of the house. The second storey windows are also 6/6 but have triangular white panels above them in imitation of a Gothic window. also a third storey attic window on the front gable. The side windows on the second storey occur in large Victorian dormers which cut down into the wall level of the house. All of the eaves of the house project to a great extent and are supported by cut brackets. A one storey wooden porch with gingerbread brackets runs across the front of the house. This structure has a very picturesque storey-book quality about

it and is worthy of note.

There is a two-storey brick ell at the rear.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE	Endongered	Interior	Exterior	good

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

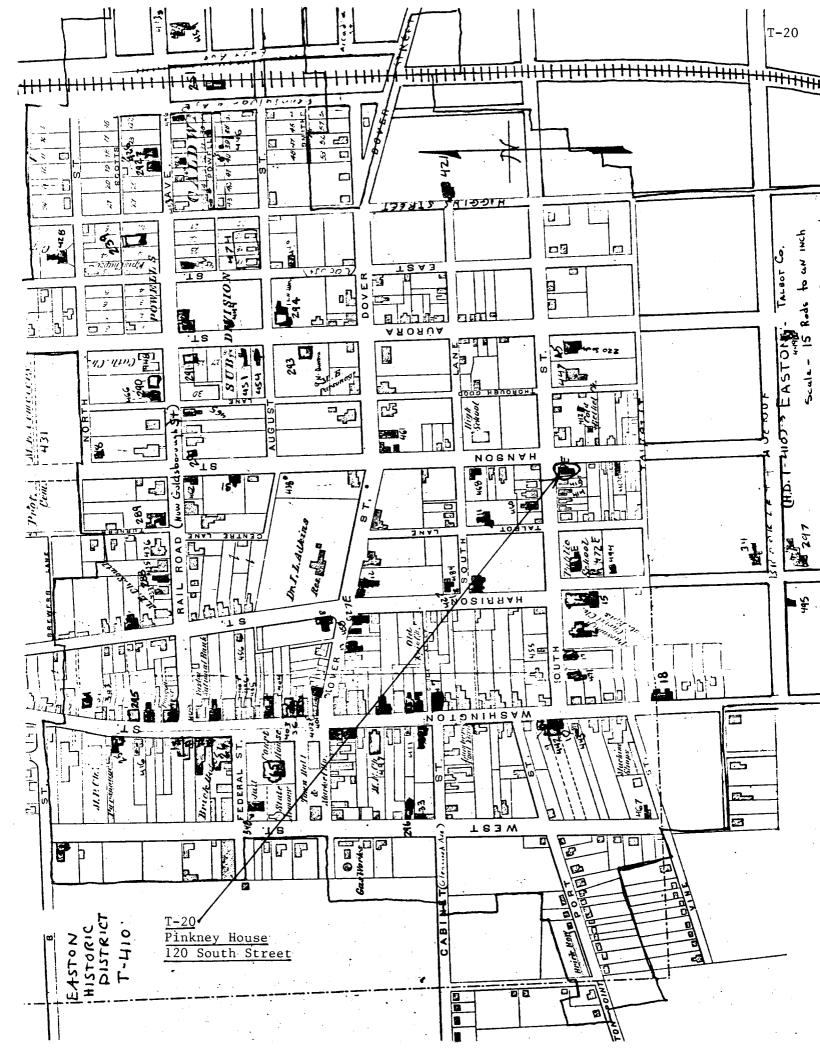
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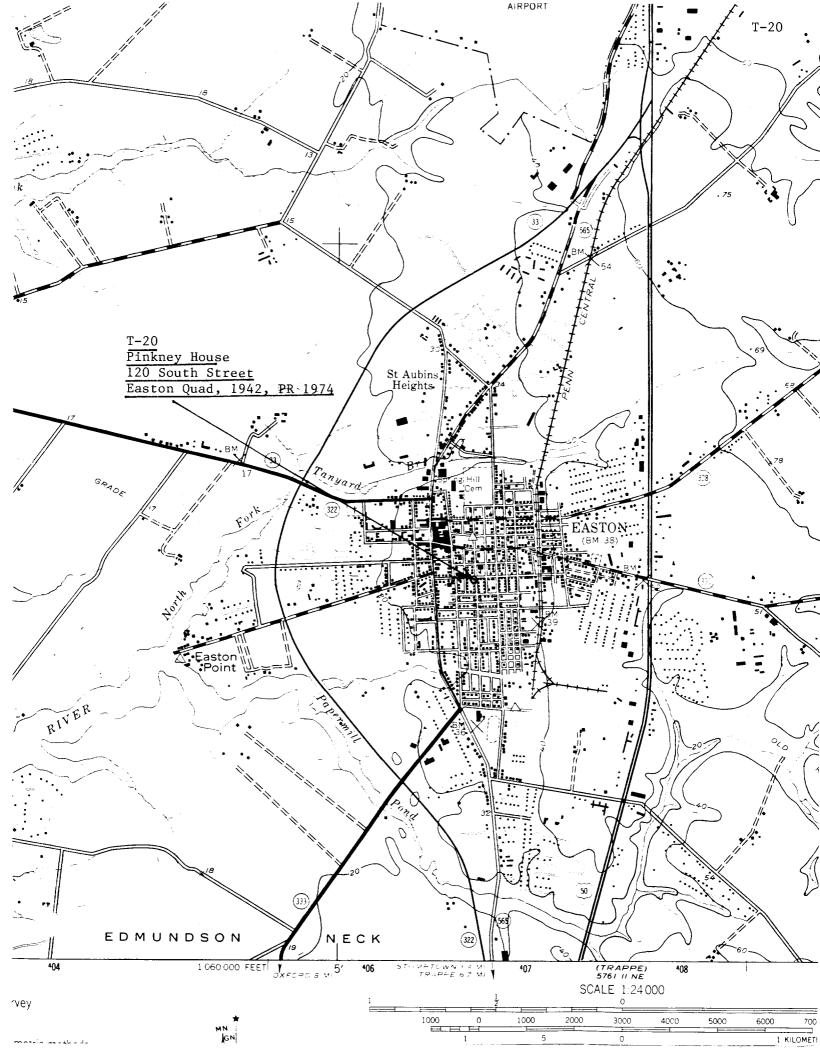
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Paul A. Brinkman

DATE OF RECORD 28/9/1967







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